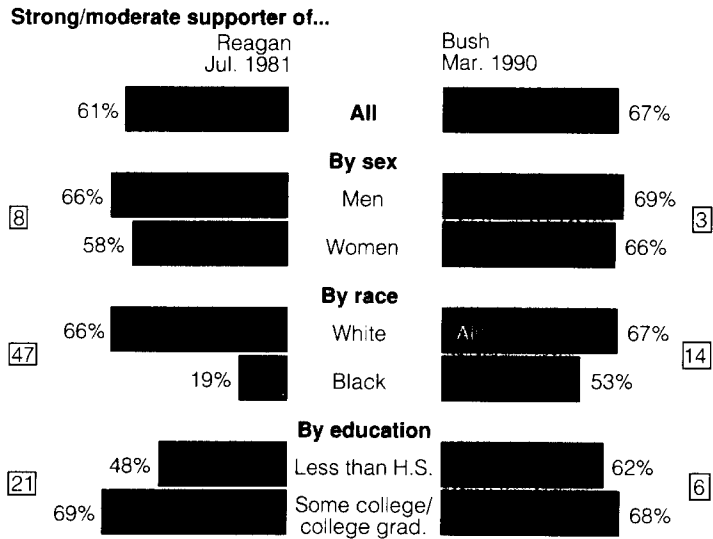


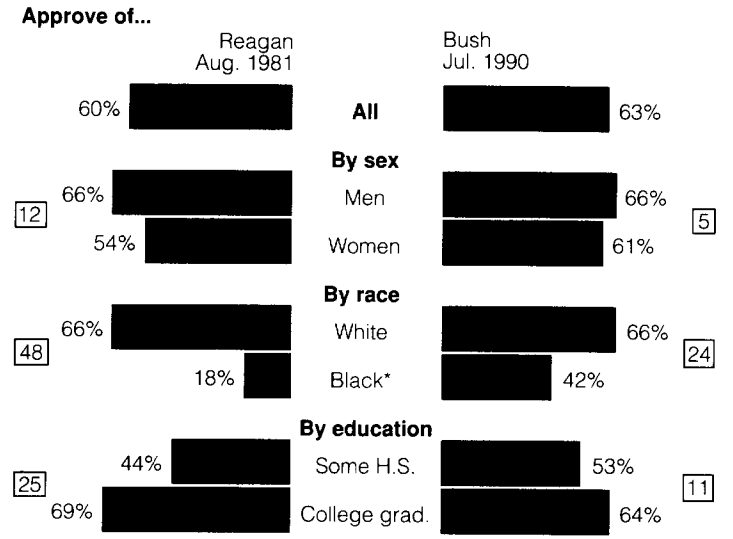
Support for Bush is less polarized than support for Reagan. The economy may prove to be a liability.

Question: **How do you feel about President (Reagan/Bush)—at the present time, would you describe yourself as a strong supporter, a moderate supporter, a moderate critic, or a strong critic?**



**Note:** \* All respondents substituted for White because not asked.  
**Source:** Surveys by the Roper Organization (Roper Reports 90-4), latest that of March 10-17, 1990.

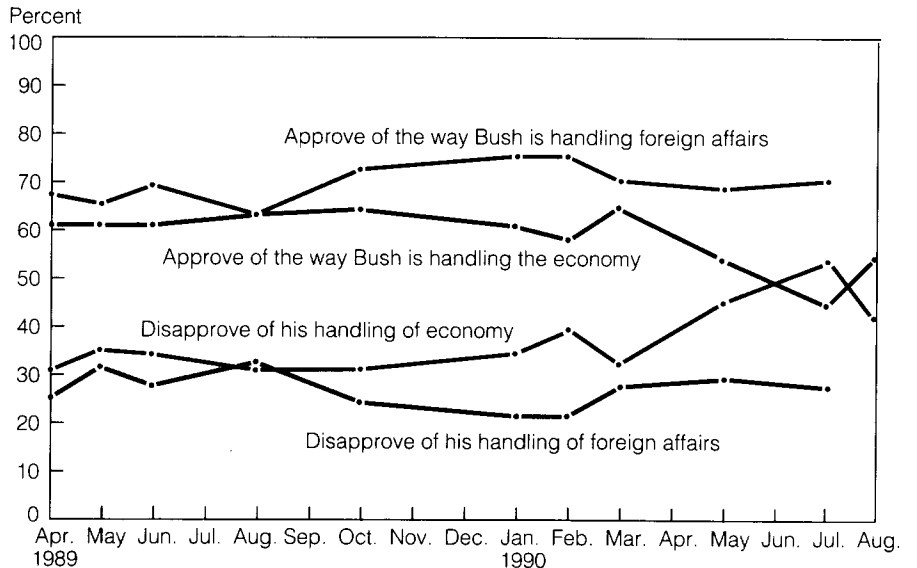
Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way (Ronald Reagan/George Bush) is handling his job as President?**



**Note:** \* = Nonwhite in 1981.  
**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of July 6-8, 1990.

# DANGER SIGNS: CONCERN ABOUT THE ECONOMY

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (the economy/foreign affairs)?**

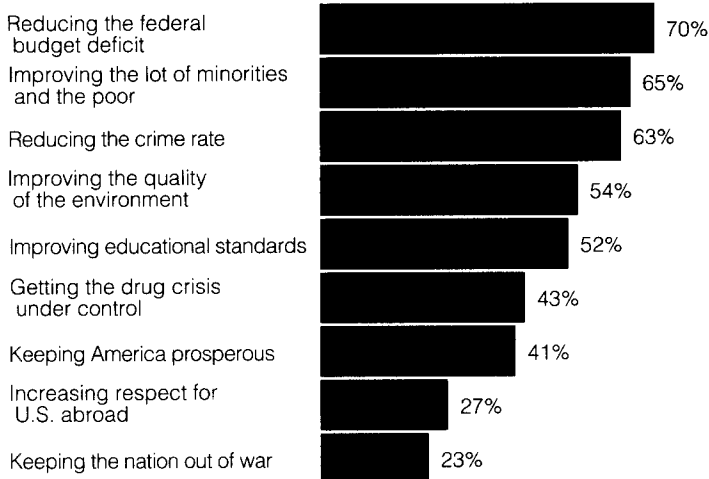


**Source:** Surveys by ABC News/Washington Post, latest that of August 17-20, 1990.

The federal budget deficit and the plight of the disadvantaged are two prominent chinks in Bush's ratings armor. A third of us don't know where he plans to lead the nation in the next three years.

Question: Here is a list of some problems and responsibilities facing the President and his administration. After one year in office, do you think George Bush is making progress or is not making progress on handling each of these different problems?...

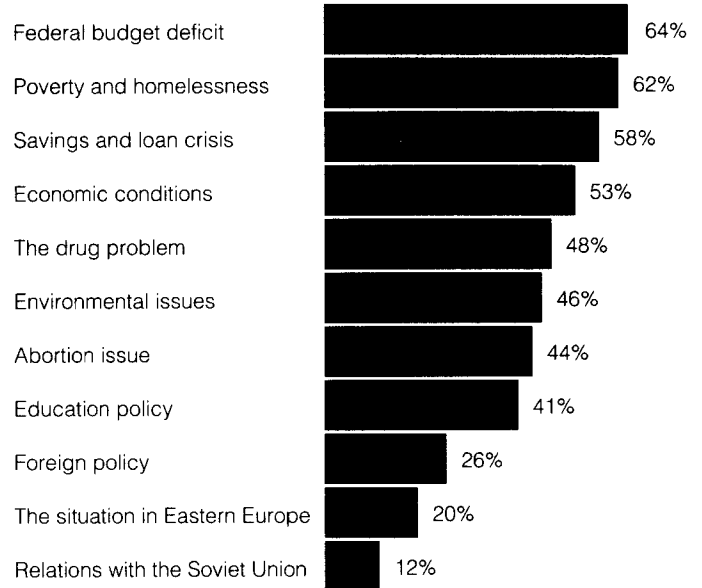
**Bush is not making progress on...**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, February 8-11, 1990.

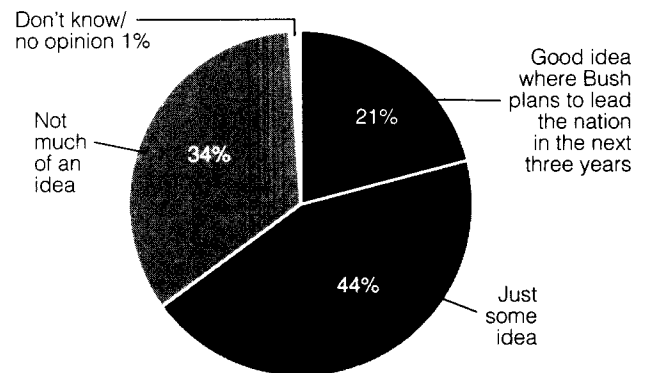
Question: Now let me ask you about some specific problems facing the country. As I read off each one, would you tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling the problem?...

**Disapprove of the way President Bush is handling...**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, July 6-8, 1990.

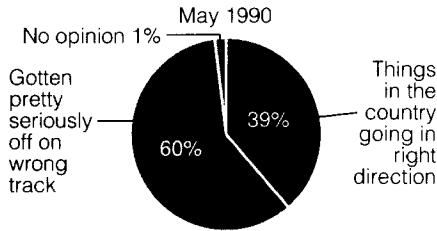
Question: Do you think you have a good idea, just some idea or not much of an idea of where Bush plans to lead the nation in the next three years?



Source: Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, February 1-4, 1990.

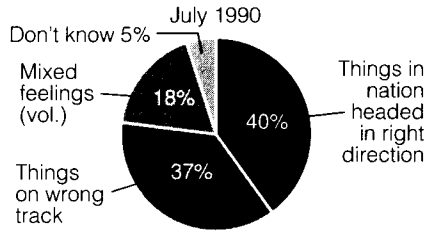
Most recent surveys suggest the country is off on the wrong track. There doesn't appear to be a strong partisan component to our pessimism, as the verbatim responses below show.

Question: **Do you feel things in the country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?**



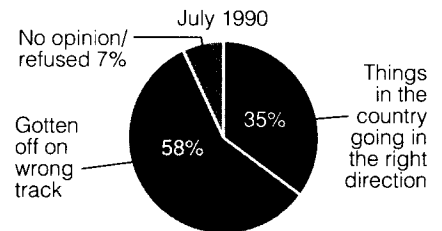
Source: Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, May 17-21, 1990.

Question: **All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?**



Note: Sample = registered voters. Source: Survey by Hart-Teeter Research Companies for NBC News/Wall Street Journal, July 6-10, 1990.

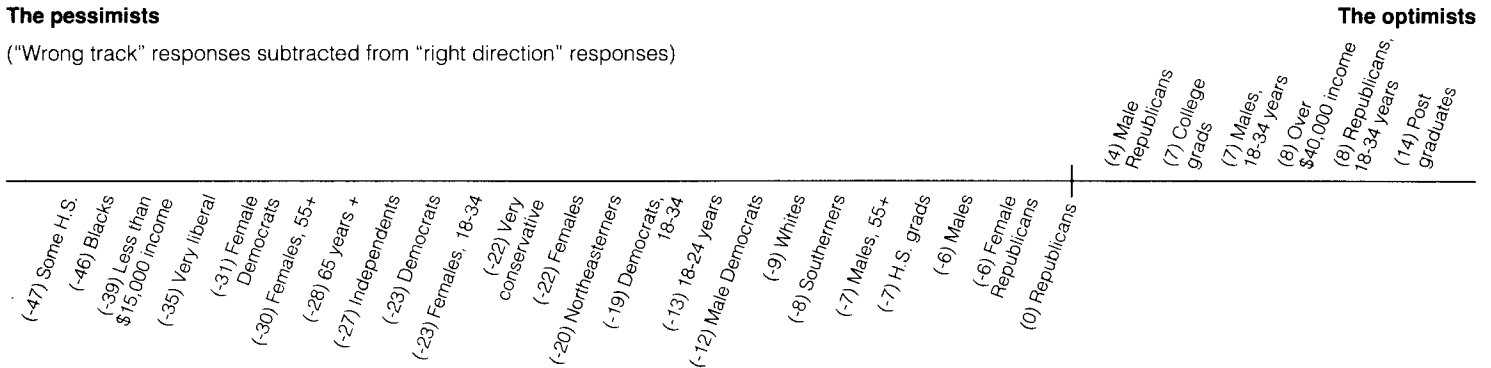
Question: **Generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?**



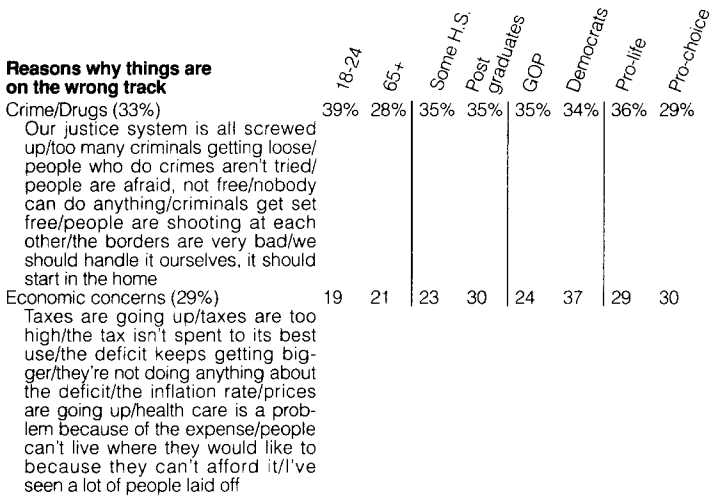
Source: Survey by The Wirthlin Group, July 23-25, 1990.

**Who are... The pessimists**

("Wrong track" responses subtracted from "right direction" responses)



Question: **Please tell me why you feel that things have gotten off on the wrong track. Are there any other reasons? Anything else?**



Source: Survey by the Wirthlin Group, June 18-20, 1990.

